

California Medical Association

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ABSTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Held at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, California, Saturday, November 8, 1924.

Present—Doctors MacGowan, Ewer, Parkinson, Kinney, Kiger, Edwards, De Lappe, Coffey, Smith, Kress, McArthur, Gibbons, Curtiss, Emma W. Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctors Alderson, Beattie, McLeod, Hamlin, Bine.

Minutes of the Council—The minutes of the 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, and 147th meetings of the Council were presented for approval, copies having been submitted to all members of the Council by mail.

Action by the Council—On motion of Ewer, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, and 147th meetings of the Council be approved as submitted to all members of the Council.

Minutes of the Executive Committee—The question of reading the minutes of the 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, and 78th meetings of the Executive Committee was raised, inasmuch as copies of such minutes had been submitted to each member of the Council.

Action by the Council—On motion of Ewer, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, and 78th meetings of the Executive Committee be read.

Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Edwards, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the seventy-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved and made a part of the official minutes of this Council.

Minutes of the Seventy-fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of De Lappe, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the seventy-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved and made a part of the official minutes of this Council.

Minutes of the Seventy-sixth Meeting of the Executive Meeting—The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-sixth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Ewer, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the seventy-sixth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved and made a part of the official minutes of this Council.

Minutes of the Seventy-seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-seventh meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Edwards, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the seventy-seventh meeting of the Executive Committee be approved and made a part of the official minutes of this Council.

Minutes of the Seventy-eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-eighth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the seventy-eighth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved and made a part of the official minutes of this Council.

Nineteen Twenty-five State Meeting—The secretary

raised the question of extending the time of the 1925 state meeting in Yosemite from four to five days in order that the third day of the session could be devoted to enjoying the valley. The matter was then discussed by all present.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the meeting days of the 1925 state meeting in Yosemite National Park be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday—May 18, 19th 20, and 21.

Membership Directory—The secretary reported that the membership directory for 1924 was now off the press and would be in the hands of each member of the California Medical Association by the first of the ensuing week. A copy of the directory was then presented to the Council.

Action by the Council—On motion of Edwards, seconded by Kress, it was

RESOLVED, That the directory of the membership of the California Medical Association for 1924 be approved; and further that the Council express its appreciation to the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for his suggestion that the California Medical Association issue an exclusive directory of its own membership.

Lay Distribution of Membership Directory—The secretary raised the question of the method of distribution of the membership directory to the lay public, and the price to be charged for such copies of the directory. After thorough consideration, on motion of Kress, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the secretary be authorized to send out an announcement to all parties who would probably be interested, of the publication by the California Medical Association of an exclusive directory of its own membership; and further that the sale price of the directory be fixed at \$1 per copy; and further that all sales be made direct from the offices of the association.

Publication of Future Directories—The secretary requested a ruling as to the date on which future directories of the membership should be published because of the differences in date of delinquency between the State Association and various county societies thereof.

Action by the Council—On motion of Smith, seconded by Kress, it was

RESOLVED, That in future the date of publication of the annual directory of the membership of the California Medical Association be fixed as of January 1 of each year, and that such directory include every member of the California Medical Association as of the previous year; and further that the next directory be published as of January 1, 1926.

Application for Affiliate Membership—The secretary presented application from the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement for affiliate membership for Doctor J. Loughridge of Folsom, and requested that Doctor Loughridge's election to such membership by the Executive Committee at its seventy-sixth meeting be confirmed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Edwards, it was

RESOLVED, That the application for affiliate membership in the California Medical Association as submitted by the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement for Doctor J. Loughridge of Folsom be approved; and that the action of the Executive Committee in electing Doctor Loughridge an affiliate member at its seventy-sixth meeting be hereby confirmed and ratified.

Transfer to Associate Membership—The secretary submitted an application from W. T. Cummins of San Francisco for transfer as of January 1, 1925, from active to associate membership, as provided for unlicensed physicians in Article III, Section 2, of the constitution and by-laws adopted by the California Medical Association in June, 1923.

Action by the Council—On motion of Smith, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the application of W. T. Cummins of San Francisco for associate membership in the California Medical Association as of January 1, 1925, be approved; and that Doctor Cummins be so notified.

Sciences Allied to Medicine—The secretary requested a ruling as to what constitutes "sciences allied to medicine" under Article III, Section 2, of the constitution and

by-laws adopted in June, 1923, in order that applications for associate membership might be properly handled before presentation to the Council for action. The question of rules and regulations governing associate membership was then thoroughly discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the rules governing associate membership in the California Medical Association be the same general rules adopted by the American Medical Association; and further that any application for associate membership be referred to the proper county society to determine whether it desires to enter any protest before such application is presented to the Executive Committee and Council for consideration and action.

Application for Associate Membership—The secretary presented an application from Mr. Nicholas A. Karpaty of San Francisco for associate membership. The desirability of opening associate membership to physiotherapists was then brought up and fully considered.

Action by the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Coffey, it was

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with resolution governing associate membership adopted by the Council at this meeting, the application of Mr. Nicholas A. Karpaty of San Francisco for associate membership in the California Medical Association be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, pending a report by the secretary; and further that Mr. Karpaty be so notified.

Seal—The chairman of the Council reported on the desirability of retaining the old seal of the society as adopted in 1856 and again adopted at the reorganization of the society in 1870, and submitted the following history of the seal as published on page 220 of the "Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of California for the years 1871 and 1872":

"The seal that has been adopted shows enough of the beautiful design of the seal of the state to declare the common origin of the Medical Society and of the state of California, while the cock that was wont to be sacrificed to Esculapius, representing 'vigilance,' is crowing out 1870, the year of reorganization; and the serpent, emblematic of 'sagacity and long life,' lies entwined around the doctor's staff at his feet. Thus vigilance and sagacity typify the qualities a physician should possess under the direction of Minerva."

Action by the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the action of the Council at its 144th meeting in adopting as the seal of the California Medical Association the design submitted by Doctor Saxton T. Pope of San Francisco be rescinded; and further that the original seal as adopted by the Medical Society of the state of California in 1856 and again adopted at the reorganization of the society in 1870 be retained as the official seal of the California Medical Association; and further that the encircling inscription on the seal read "California Medical Association 1856," with "1870" as originally placed on the face of the medallion.

Hospital Bond—The question of endorsement of the hospital bond issued by the National Surety Company of New York was brought up, and the general counsel read a letter sent the surety company by the editor regarding certain phases of the bond. After discussion, it was the sense of the Council that the matter be referred over to the afternoon session of this meeting, at which time Mr. G. B. Zemansky, representative of the Hospital Bond Division of the National Surety Company, could be present to discuss this bond with the Council.

Board of Health Letters—The secretary reported that Doctor Reginald Knight Smith of San Francisco had consented to take charge of the compilation of a pamphlet on "Prenatal Care," and that he would appoint a committee of the leading obstetricians of the state after securing all available Sheppard-Towner matter issued by the various states and that compiled by Truby King for New Zealand and Australia.

Income Tax Deductions—The secretary read a reply from Commissioner of Internal Revenue D. H. Blair of Washington, D. C., to resolution passed by the Council at its 147th meeting together with reply from the Cali-

fornia Bar Association, expressing its thanks and advising that similar action will be taken at its December meeting. President MacGowan then recommended that the general counsel be instructed to prepare a bill for introduction to Congress at its next session. The question of the advisability of presenting such a bill to Congress was then fully discussed together with the desirability of requesting the A. M. A. to take up the matter with the various state medical associations and state bar associations.

Action by the Council—On motion of MacGowan, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the general counsel be instructed to prepare the necessary bill for introduction to Congress at its next session in the matter of income tax deductions by physicians for expenses incurred in attendance on medical conventions, meetings and post-graduate courses; and further that the matter be referred to the A. M. A. together with copy of the resolution adopted by the Council at its 147th meeting held in Los Angeles, California, May 15th, 1924, and affidavit prepared by the general counsel along the same lines; and further that the A. M. A. be requested to notify each state medical association, each state bar association and any other professional associations of the action taken by the California Medical Association in order that similar action might be taken by each of the aforementioned associations.

Medical Radio Broadcasting—The secretary submitted correspondence regarding medical radio broadcasting, together with resolution passed by the Executive Committee at its seventy-eighth meeting. The question and policies governing such broadcasting was then thoroughly considered, particularly with reference to the dangers of a "question and answer service."

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Coffey, it was

RESOLVED, That the Chair be authorized to appoint a committee of three to consider the question of medical radio broadcasting and bring in a report at the afternoon session of this meeting. The Chair appointed as members of this committee Doctor George H. Kress, chairman, Doctors Walter B. Coffey and Morton R. Gibbons.

Medical Radio Broadcasting—Doctor Kress, chairman of the committee appointed by the Chair at this morning's session to consider the question of medical radio broadcasting, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Medical radio broadcasting, because of the great distances covered, is fraught with grave dangers to many lay listeners because of subject matter not applicable to local conditions; and

WHEREAS, To keep medical radio broadcasting impersonal and in conformity with the ethics of the American Medical Association is almost impossible; and

WHEREAS, Human nature is such that medical radio broadcasting is almost certain to be abused by certain medical men; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the California Medical Association hold: First, that no radio bureaus established for medical broadcasting be inaugurated or participated in by members of the California Medical Association except under permission of and with the observance of such rules as the "Medical Radio Broadcasting Committee of the California Medical Association" may promulgate in regard thereto. Second, that no question and answer service department be conducted as a part of any medical radio broadcasting service, and third that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Medical Association and every county medical society, and the attention of such organizations called to the dangers incident to medical radio broadcasting.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Edwards, it was

RESOLVED, That the resolution on medical radio broadcasting be adopted; and further that the Chair be requested to appoint a statewide committee of five to be known as the "Medical Radio Broadcasting Committee of the California Medical Association."

The Chair announced that the following were appointed members of this committee: Doctor George H. Kress, Los Angeles, chairman; Doctors Walter B. Coffey, San Francisco; Morton R. Gibbons, San Francisco; Gran-

ville MacGowan, Los Angeles; and Edward N. Ewer, Oakland.

Cummins-Vaile Bill—Request of the Voluntary Parenthood League of New York for endorsement by the California Medical Association of the Cummins-Vaile bill was presented. No action was taken.

Clinical Prize—The Council considered the question of adopting a plan similar to that of the British Medical Association, by establishing a clinical prize to encourage the family physician, as suggested by the editor and recommended by the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by McArthur, it was the sense of the Council that the suggestion of the editor be adopted; and that, tentatively, three prizes be established and competed for at the 1926 state meeting in the sum of \$100 for the first prize, \$75 for the second, and \$50 for the third prize; and further that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to formulate the necessary regulations governing such awards; and that the committee submit such regulations to the Council at its next meeting.

Financial Statements—Financial statements of the accounts of the California Medical Association and CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for the ten months, ending October 31, 1924, were submitted in accordance with instructions received at the seventy-eighth meeting of the Executive Committee. It was the sense of the Council that comparative statements be compiled as of January 1, 1925, and forwarded each member of the Council for presentation and discussion at its next meeting.

French Hospital—The secretary presented for the information of the Council a letter from the French Hospital of San Francisco, advising "that the doors of the French Hospital were closed to physicians and surgeons who are not eligible to membership in the State Medical Society."

Criticism of Profession—Councilor Curtiss of Redlands submitted a letter received by him commenting on the criticism of the profession by a member of the California Medical Association and of the Board of Health.

Action by the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by McArthur, it was the sense of the Council that this communication and material upon which it is based be submitted to the editor for such action as he may deem proper in the premises.

Protest by Health Officers—The secretary submitted a resolution passed by the Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities at a meeting held at Asilomar October, 1924, protesting against the policies of the Journal as contained in an editorial appearing in the September issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, entitled "Short-Sighted Public Health Policies." Proposed editorial as submitted by the editor in reply thereto was then discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That editorial entitled "California Medical Association Condemned by the Health Officers Section, League of California Municipalities," as submitted by the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be approved, with the addition of a paragraph stating definitely the association's appreciation of the valuable services rendered by qualified health officers in general.

Medical Section of Officers Reserve Corps—The secretary submitted correspondence from the Surgeon-General's office regarding the appointment of a military committee to develop and promote interest in the medical section of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the Chair be authorized to appoint a statewide military committee on medical section of Officers' Reserve Corps, the number thereof to be at the Chair's discretion; and that the chairman of this Council be made chairman thereof; and further that the committee be representative of the profession and co-operate with the Surgeon-General's office.

Endorsed Specialties—A ruling was requested, outlining those specialties approved by the Council of the California Medical Association, particularly for use by members on professional cards, announcements, etc. The fol-

lowing list of specialties as endorsed by the A. M. A. was then presented: Anesthesiology, Bacteriology, Clinical Pathology, Dermatology, Gynecology, Industrial Medicine and Surgery, Internal Medicine, Laryngology, Neurology, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Proctology, Psychiatry, Public Health, Rhinology, Roentgenology, Surgery, Syphilology, Tuberculosis, and Urology.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the list of specialties as adopted by the A. M. A. be approved as the specialties endorsed by the California Medical Association.

Status of Legal Staff—The question of continuing the present legal staff was brought up by the chairman and thoroughly discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the chairman of Council be empowered to discuss the matter with the legal staff; and further that the Council hopes to continue its present pleasing and satisfactory association.

Status of Associate Members of County Medical Societies—Doctor Kinney, councilor from San Diego, stated that many Veterans' Bureau men who were associate members of his county society and also associate members of the A. M. A. were desirous of becoming associate members of the California Medical Association. He then called the attention of the Council to the fact that the constitution and by-laws of the California Medical Association, as adopted in June, 1923, did not agree on this point, and asked for a ruling in the matter.

After discussion, it was the sense of the Council that Doctor Kinney write the state office in detail of the situation existing in San Diego County as a basis for the amendment necessary to correct the constitution.

Permanent Convention Headquarters—Harlan Shoemaker, chairman of the Committee on Permanent Convention Headquarters, being present by invitation, made a progress report and requested the continuance of his committee so that more data could be secured.

After informal discussion, it was the sense of the Council that the committee be continued; and that Doctor Shoemaker be requested to make a further report at the next meeting of the Council.

Adjournment—There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Medical Association (reported by Pauline S. Nusbaumer, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held October 20, Vice-President H. B. Mehrmann presiding.

Chesley Bush spoke on "Some Conclusions as to Treatment of Tuberculosis from the Experience at Arroyo Sanitarium." He emphasized the necessity of treating the psychology of the patient, as well as the pathology; the dangers of indiscriminate sun treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis; the apparent beneficial results of ultra violet lamp therapy on chronic peritoneal and intestinal tuberculosis. He also brought out the necessity of following the rest cure with a gradual return to full working efficiency under medical supervision.

P. N. Jacobson read a paper entitled "Some Complications of Nephrolithiasis," with a report of a case of two attacks of calculus anuria in a solitary kidney. Both attacks were relieved with cystoscopic maneuver. Subsequently, pyelo-lithotomy was performed, with uneventful recovery. The author accentuates the importance of cystoscopy and ureteral catheterization in dealing with calculus anuria, as most cases of calculus anuria can be relieved by cystoscopy and ureteral catheterization alone. The author further considered the clinical symptoms and characteristics of the urine in nephrolithiasis, with the indications for and against operative treatment.

In reporting his case of "Primary Sarcoma," John Hedley Scudder stated that this is an extremely rare disease, often latent and difficult of diagnosis; that it has a single pathognomonic symptom, the finding of neoplas-

tic fragments in the sputum, or in products obtained by puncture of the lung or pleura, and that the affection is characterized usually by massive involvement of the lung without remote metastases. The doctor mentioned the most frequent complications and described the more important physical signs, and stated that, except in rare cases, treatment can only be palliative; that surgical interference remains a very questionable mode of treatment, and deep x-ray therapy has so far been without avail.

At the regular monthly meeting of the staff of Merritt Hospital, held November 3, A. M. Smith read a paper on "Lethargic Encephalitis, in the course of which he demonstrated a typical case of that disease. His aim in writing the paper was to bring out the differential diagnosis between encephalitis, acute poliomyelitis, cerebral tumor, and botulism. The use of lumbar puncture for diagnosis in this disease was considered of no value and associated with much risk if cerebral tumor was present. The second paper was by Milton Shutes on "Aural Vertigo." The history of the relation of vertigo to the labyrinth and of the labyrinth to organic and functional disorders was discussed with a resume of the postulates on which the diagnoses and prognosis of intra-cranial lesions are generally made. Out of the confusion arising from immature conclusions, we have certain facts of value to the otologist and the neurologist; and from the work of experimental physiologists, we may hope for postulates which will increase the value of vestibular testing.

On the evening of October 24, W. S. Porter entertained the staff of the Merritt Hospital at his new residence and offices. A buffet supper was served, followed by music, cards, and a general good time. The staff, as a mark of esteem of Dr. Porter, took this occasion to present him with a portrait of himself painted by Miss Bernita Lundy of San Francisco.

At the general staff meeting of the Fabiola Hospital, held October 28, Dr. G. W. Pierce of San Francisco gave a talk, illustrated with lantern slides, on Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery.

The date of the staff meeting of Providence Hospital falling on Armistice Day, the meeting was postponed.

The meeting of the president and visiting staff of the Alameda County Hospital held November 3 was devoted to a discussion of the interesting house cases of the month.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Medical Society (reported by L. St. John Hely, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held at 8 p. m., Saturday, October 25, at the Abbott Emergency Hospital, Richmond. Fletcher B. Taylor of Oakland lectured on Poliomyelitis, the lecture illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. Taylor covered the pathology and etiology and symptoms in a very complete manner. Treatment was covered by Harold H. Hitchcock in a comprehensive way. C. R. Blake, health officer of Contra Costa County, described the epidemic in the northeastern part of the county. Dr. Rosa Powell was elected to membership by a unanimous vote, and we were very glad to have her as a member; she was called upon for remarks, which she made in a happy manner. After the meeting the members adjourned to Martin's Grill for refreshments. The following members were present: U. S. Abbott, C. R. Blake, G. M. Bumgarner, H. N. Belgum, John Beard, J. T. Breneman, J. Emmett Clark, Harold H. Hitchcock (Oakland), L. St. John Hely, H. L. Carpenter, Denninger Keser, Rosa A. Powell, Felton B. Taylor (Oakland), F. L. Horne, Hall Vestal.

A letter was read from the state secretary in regard to radio broadcasting lectures. The president appointed a committee of two as follows: Horne and Hely.

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FRESNO COUNTY

Fresno County Medical Society (reported by T. Floyd Bell, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held November 4 at the nurses' home of the General Hospital. There were

twenty-eight members and ten visitors present. Members: Aller, Anderson, Barrett, Bell, Couey, Cowan, Dearborn, Jamgotchian, James, Jorgensen, Kjaerbye, Lamkin, Madden, Manson, Miller, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nedry, Quimby, Schottstaedt, Sheldon, Tillman, Tobin, Tupper, Vanderburgh, Wheeler, Wiese, and Nider. Visitors: L. Seligman, H. O. Collins, Phillip Dick, and interns General Hospital. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved. Roland D. Dahlgren was unanimously elected a member. Frank Tillman, as chairman of the committee, presented these resolutions in regard to the death of Dr. A. B. McConnell. They were adopted:

"Whereas, The hand of death has removed from our midst Dr. A. B. McConnell, so be it

"Resolved, That, in the death of Dr. A. B. McConnell, the medical profession has lost a valuable representative, the Fresno County Medical Society a valued member, and every physician a friend; and be it further

"Resolved, That the sympathy of this Society be extended to the bereaved relatives, and further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Fresno County Medical Society, and a copy sent to the immediate relatives." Signed: Frank Tillman, Howard H. Hopkins, T. N. Sample.

In regard to a fee schedule for work done for county patients, Dr. Tillman reported that a meeting had been held with Dr. H. O. Collins in regard to same, and that Dr. Collins was to take the matter up with the Board of Supervisors.

Program—A. H. Gillihan, District Health Officer California State Board of Health, in charge of the smallpox situation in this locality, showed many lantern slides of smallpox, chickenpox, and vaccinia. He showed cases which presented the death-warning picture of hemorrhage into the pustules. He dwelt upon the diagnosis and differential diagnosis of smallpox. The only means of conferring immunity for smallpox was (1) by contracting the disease itself, which unfortunately carries a high death rate, and (2) by vaccination, which is a mild affair.

Langley Porter, M.D., of San Francisco presented a very interesting paper on "The More Serious Affections of the Ear as They Occur in Infants and Children." He illustrated his talk by lantern slides. This paper was based on 166 cases of ear diseases over a period of four years.

Dr. Porter took up the anatomy of the middle ear and mastoid, and showed how easily infections from the upper respiratory tract could travel to the middle ear through the eustachian tube or be forced through it by violent blowing of the nose. The prevention of middle ear disease lay in protecting children from respiratory infections, removal of bad tonsils and adenoids, and proper blowing of the nose.

He presented several cases of mastoid and middle ear disease which did not have the symptoms and signs usually found in such conditions, and showing the difficulty of correct diagnosis in some cases.

He also presented cases illustrating Luc abscess, sinus thrombosis, and also showing the syndrome of trifacial neuralgia, facial palsy, and internal strabismus. Early and adequate drainage for acute otitis media is most important in preventing the complications of the disease. In most cases the diagnosis is not hard, and examination of the ears should be routine in children.

F. B. Sheldon showed lantern slides of patients and x-rays of the long bones, demonstrating the damage of smallpox to the epiphyses resulting in lack of growth in those bones affected.

Buffet luncheon was served after adjournment.

Dr. Langley Porter was the guest of the staff of the General Hospital at luncheon on November 4. Dr. Porter presented an intensely interesting paper on "Modern Views on Infant-Feeding." He emphasized the importance of breast-nursing, and spoke of the methods used to promote proper supply of breast milk, and also the proper care of the nipples. However, he thought that every mother should not be forced to nurse her baby irrespective of whether she had enough milk or not. He believes that there are strains of mothers who produce

enough good milk, just as there are those who do not. He also discussed the various kinds of artificial feeding.

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MARIN COUNTY

Marin County Medical Society (reported by J. H. Kuser, secretary)—The Society met on October 30 at the office of Doctor W. Jones, with the following members present: O. W. Jones, Landrock, Hund, W. F. Jones, Clark, Mays, Larson, Kuser.

Doctor Standmuller spoke on prenatal care of mothers.

The paper of the evening was by H. O. Hund on "Retrocecal Appendix," and it was followed by general discussion.

Applications for membership of Martha Allen of Fairfax and M. D. L. Allen of Novato were received and referred to the state secretary for approval.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement (reported by G. J. Hall, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held October 21. Members present, thirty-three; no visitors. President Drysdale presided. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of cases:

O. F. Johnson presented history of very unusual case of carcinoma of prostate, with death due to metastasis in spinal vertebrae and various other joints. Discussed by Dr. Hale.

G. A. Foster reported unusual case of foreign body (candle) being found on laparotomy.

The paper of the evening was read by W. A. Beattie on "Congenital Cardiac Lesions." In his paper he mentioned that the relative frequency was quite high—cause—anomalies of growth rather important. He also touched upon etiology, diagnosis, and symptoms. Many interesting findings were described. Fetal circulation was explained.

Congenital lesions: 1. Defect of intraventricular septum (Rogers disease). 2. Patent ductus arteriosus. 3. Pulmonic stenosis. 4. Aortic stenosis. 5. Transposition of organ.

Private patients were presented, with use of radio amplification to demonstrate heart sounds to the members through a loud speaker.

Dr. Beattie suggested that every child's heart should be examined within twenty-four hours after birth.

Discussion was opened by C. E. von Geldern on Embryology, illustrated with blackboard drawings; by E. S. Babcock on Prognosis; by Bramhall and Gundrum on Findings in Adult Life. Discussion was closed by Dr. Beattie.

Application of Herbert S. Burden was voted on. There were twenty-six votes cast, twenty-five being yes, and one blank.

Dr. Parkinson discussed the Medical Society of the State of California. He also discussed the Reed-Johnson bill, and new fee schedule for industrial accident work.

The board of directors' minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Thomas discussed Red Cross practicing medicine. Moved and seconded that he be referred to the board of directors, etc. Discussed by Drs. Parkinson and Hall. Question carried.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino County Medical Society (reported by E. J. Eytinge, secretary)—The Society met at San Antonio Hospital, Upland, November 4, with twenty-five members present and twenty-five guests.

New members are H. Garcelon of Victorville, H. A. Bogue of Ontario, A. S. Garnett, E. H. Hull, O. H. Van Emon, J. A. Patterson of San Bernardino, C. G. Newbecker, Rialto.

The program was as follows:

"General Treatment of Syphilis," by Herman Zeiler, M.D., Los Angeles.

"The Treatment of Neurological Syphilis," by S. D. Ingham, M.D., of Los Angeles.

"Prevention and Management of The Accidents Which

Occur in Any Regime of Anti-Syphilitic Therapy," by I. C. Sutton, M.D., of Hollywood.

Discussion on the three papers opened by Calvert Emmons, M.D., of Ontario.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Notes (reported by Robert Pollock, M.D.)—The new Mercy Hospital, majestically overlooking the valley of the San Diego River, formally opened its doors to the public early in November. This represents the last word in hospital construction and equipment, and the institution will be conducted as an open staff hospital. Detailed, illustrated description will be furnished our readers in the next issue.

The October scientific meeting of the medical staff of the Naval Hospital was addressed by J. W. Sherrill, director of the Metabolic Clinic at La Jolla. The doctor's paper represented original work on the effect of salt-free diets upon vascular hypertension. It stands as a distinct contribution to the literature on this subject. The November meeting at the same hospital was addressed by Andrew Stewart Lobingier of Los Angeles, on "Surgery of the Gall-bladder and Biliary Tract." The subject was handled in Dr. Lobingier's masterly manner, and emphasized the need of improving our technique in gall-bladder surgery in order to more thoroughly eradicate infection of the liver and bile passages. While in San Diego, Dr. Lobingier addressed a public meeting in the high school auditorium on the cancer question.

The November meeting of the county society took the form of a symposium on the question of trachoma. It represented an effort to harmonize the views of the local medical profession, the school authorities, the city, county, and federal public health authorities. No more difficult condition exists today than is expressed by trachoma, with the divergent attitudes to it of parent, teacher, physician, specialist, and public health authorities.

The brief flurry caused by the few cases of infantile paralysis in one of the local schools has entirely subsided. Ten cases occurred among the families of this school district and all recovered. It was found necessary to close the school for one week only.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Proceedings of the San Francisco County Medical Society—During the month of October, the following meetings were held:

Tuesday, October 7—Section on Medicine: The program of modern criminology—A. M. Kidd, Professor of Law, University of California (by invitation). The medical faker in criminal cases—Captain Duncan Matheson, Detective Bureau, San Francisco Police Department (by invitation). The relations of psychology to medicine—Olga Bridgman.

Tuesday, October 14—General Meeting: Medical effects and uses of the Hot Springs of Arkansas—Colonel L. M. Maus, U. S. A., retired. Read by Major R. D. Harden (by invitation). The Receiving Hospital in San Francisco, thirty-seven years ago; a former newspaper reporters' recollections—W. W. Sanderson (by invitation). Some common drug eruptions—E. D. Chipman.

Tuesday, October 21—Section on Industrial Medicine: Rupture of the biceps—E. L. Gilcreest. Industrial liability for cancer—A. R. Kilgore. Spinal anomalies in relation to industrial injury—H. E. Ruggles.

Tuesday, October 28—Section on Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat: History of cataract extraction—Hans Barkan. Intracranial complications of otitis and sinusitis—R. C. Martin.

Franklin Hospital Clinical Society (reported by Ewald Angerman, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the Franklin Hospital Clinical Society took place on Monday, October 27, at the hospital, William H. Heinzman, vice-chairman, presiding.

The paper of the evening was ably presented by Clement H. Arnold, the subject being "Hysteria Attendant Upon Abdominal Pathology," and was fully discussed by Joseph Catton.

Dr. Arnold presented his subject in a masterful way, which proved of benefit to his hearers.

St. Joseph's Hospital Staff Meeting on Public

Health—November 12 St. Joseph's Hospital staff of San Francisco held a "public health night." R. W. Burlingame spoke on "Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever." We understand the cause, prevention and treatment of diphtheria, but still have quite a mortality, due to antitoxin being used too late, in too small a dose and the waiting of a positive swab report in suspicious cases. The toxin of the disease must be combated by the antitoxin while still free in the blood, otherwise the toxin combines with the body cells and is not influenced by the injection. Large doses can do no harm. Subcutaneous injection is slow, intramuscular, the best all-around way, but intravenous the choice in hospitals and advanced cases. Latter may cause reaction, but prevents palsies and cardiac lesions. Use 100 units per kilogram of weight—even more p. r. n. Can inject 1 cc. to test reaction and desensitize. For "carriers" with sinus foci, 1 per cent mercurochrome spray is good.

Scarlet fever is now known to be due to streptococcus hemolyticus. The Dicks have evolved a toxin for its diagnosis by intradermal injection, as well as an immune serum and antitoxin.

Dr. Jennie Anderson talked on "Toxin-Antitoxin Vaccination." Her work in school children showed 40 per cent of positive Schicks and, unlike reports from the East, even 100 per cent positives in adults. Severe reactions within toxin-antitoxin were practically absent, and 90 per cent of positives were rendered negative.

W. T. Cummins exhibited tables of "A Survey of 13,000 Wassermann Reactions." Positives were found in 7.28 per cent of these patients from the Southern Pacific Hospital, including almost 2 per cent women. The unskilled laborers, many Mexicans, topped the different occupations in positives. Primary and secondary lesions were infrequent, but eighty-six tabs and fifteen general paralysis were outstanding. Anatomical distributions, according to frequency of luetic lesions, were central nervous system, eyes, cardiovascular, nose, bones and joints, and mouth, larynx and pharynx. Non-syphilitic lesions showing weak positives, in their order of frequency, were hydrocele, periostitis, and benign tumors; malignancies ranked low. In tabs the most common combination was a negative blood serum and a positive spinal fluid, while both positive serum and fluid ranked next frequent.

Dr. F. C. Keck gave an "Electrocautery Knife Demonstration" upon an animal and claimed its superiority for malignancies, as it seals lymph and blood vessels.

Case histories were presented by H. B. Dixon (pyelitis and endocarditis). J. B. Herring (traumatic perforation of uterus). A. S. Musante (post-operative acute dilatation of heart), and J. M. Stowell (appendectomy and obstruction of bowels).

The program of December 10 follows: "Management of Head Injuries," H. C. Naffziger. "Radiograms of Cranial Lesions," L. B. Crow.

Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital Paid Tribute by Staff Members—St. Joseph's Hospital staff, by unanimous vote, recently adopted the recommendation of its executive board to offer voluntary assistance to the Sisters, to enable the hospital to be represented in the directory and advertising pages of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and BETTER HEALTH magazine. This action was followed by a personal subscription by each staff doctor as an expression of loyalty to St. Joseph's Hospital and as an appreciation of the necessity of supporting the local medical press, both lay and professional.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara County Medical Society (reported by Alex C. Soper, secretary)—The Society met at the Cottage Hospital, November 10, Vice-President Nuzum in the chair, in the absence of Dr. Robinson. Present: Sixteen members, four guests.

Five-minute case reports followed: "Brain complications of mastoiditis," Philip C. Means. "Aplastic anemia," Hugh Freidell. "New injury of old dislocated radius," Arnold G. Isaac.

Arthur B. Cecil, Los Angeles, read a paper on "Diver ticula of the Bladder," which elicited considerable discussion on the subject, by Drs. Nuzum and Rexwald Brown.

Edward J. Lamb, Santa Barbara, was unanimously elected to membership in the society. The application

for transfer by Joseph D. Lewis, formerly of Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Medical Society and the Minnesota State Society, was referred to the censors.

Letter from the maternal welfare committee of the American Gynecological Society, etc., and letter from the Chicago Gynecological Society in re Sheppard-Towner Act were referred to a committee of two gynecologists to answer (Drs. Bakewell and Loveren).

Letter from State Association in re medical radio broadcasting referred to a committee of two for answer (Drs. Means and Freidell).

The Society voted unanimously to have the secretary keep a card-index record of all opium addicts treated by them, to prevent "repetition" of prescriptions.

Back Numbers of Our Medical Journal Requested

—The state office is endeavoring to complete the records of the association since its organization in 1856, and to that end would appreciate it if any member who has any of the following volumes would forward them to Emma W. Pope, M.D., secretary California Medical Association, 1016 Balboa building, San Francisco:

1902—Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of California.

California State Journal of Medicine:

1902—November and December.

1903—January to December, inclusive.

1904—May and June.

1905—May and June.

1906—June.

1907—May.

1915—November.

STIMULANTS, DEPRESSANTS, HUMOR

Dear Editor—If the average intelligence of our generation is "fourteen years or less," where in the world do all of the expert psychologists and psychoanalysts come from?—San Francisco.

Just a word of appreciation of the last number of the Journal. It was splendid.—E. N. E., Oakland.

Still, it may be possible that defective glands cause children to develop into alienists.—S. F. Chronicle.

I have been taking opportunity lately to examine more closely than I have been able to do heretofore the pages of California and Western Medicine. In my opinion it is a splendid publication, and is rendering a valiant service in the face of many discouraging circumstances. I have sometimes thought that some subjects were being over-emphasized, but feel quite sure that you know exactly what you are doing. I, therefore, indulge the hope that the powers of your elbow will not decrease.—O. W., Chicago.

In reading over the paper sent me for discussion, which is a most excellent one, and the discussions already presented, I don't feel that I can add anything to the sum of knowledge, and my conception of your purpose in obtaining discussions of this kind is to make them pithy and avoid repetition of what has already been said, probably in a better way than I could do it. You are fortunate in having four of the best men in California who have already discussed the subject. I thank you, for the opportunity which you offered me in this matter, but believe you will agree with me that, under the circumstances, further discussion by me would not add to the value or effect of the presentation.—R. G. T., Los Angeles.

Thank you for the opportunity of making some remarks in closing the discussion, but I find nothing to add to remarks so fair and courteous.—C. L. A., Los Angeles.

There are not competent people enough in the world to go round. Somebody must get the incompetent lawyers and doctors; so take care.—Bernard Shaw.

Permit me to congratulate you on the excellent manner in which the last meeting of the Urology Section (of the San Francisco County Medical Society) was reported by its chairman.—W. E. S., San Francisco.

An Honest Answer Saves a Lot of Talk

Reporter—To what do you attribute your long life? Uncle Zachariah (104 years old)—Don't know a darn thing about it.

"We would not for one moment be understood as depreciating the value of brushing the teeth as an aid to oral cleanliness," says the Dental Cosmos editorially, "but in the light of various investigations we must inevitably come to the conclusion that the value of the act of brushing the teeth lies more in the manner in which it is performed than in the particular dentrifice used in the performance of the act."